

Application No.: 10/816,153
Docket No.: PE0669USDIV1

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Remarks

Status of the Application

Claims 20-32 are pending. Claim 20 is amended to provide further clarity and to include the definition of R^3 and δ which were inadvertently left out of the claim language. Claims 21-32 are added. The bases for the new claims and the amendment to claim 20 are exemplified in the table below. The scope of each of claims 21-32 fall within the scope of Claim 20 which is indicated as allowable over the closest prior art.

Claim	Exemplary Basis
20	page 3, lines 27-32
21	page 9, lines 32-35
22	page 5, lines 35 to page 6, line 2
23	page 5, line 35
24	page 5, line 36
25	page 5, line 37
26	page 6, line 10
27	page 6, line 11
28	page 3, line 28
29	page 3, line 29
30	page 11, lines 20-21
31	page 11, lines 9-12
32	page 5, lines 13-16

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the proviso was confusing. The amendment to claim 20 clarifies that the material does not necessarily contain any fluoroalkyl group prior to the treating step. In other words, the material subjected to the claimed process is not limited only to compounds containing fluoroalkyl groups. In view of this amendment, Applicants submit that the claim is not indefinite.

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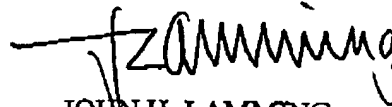
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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection should not be reapplied to the pending claims. Applicant further respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits a notice of allowance for Claims 20-32.

Should the Examiner have questions about the application or the contents of this paper, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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